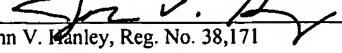




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Applicant : David H. Burkett
Filed : August 28, 2003
Title : WIRE JOINT AND METHOD
Art Unit : 3726
Examiner : John C. Hong

Docket No.: : ACSG-65356 (1747D)
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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated January 25, 2006, rejecting each of pending claims 1-15, 18 and 19. A check in the amount of \$500.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for this Notice of Appeal. The Commissioner is hereby authorized, however, to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-2425. A duplicate copy of this paper has been enclosed.

The undersigned is the attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>
50	25
200	100
360	180

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Multiple Dependent Claims

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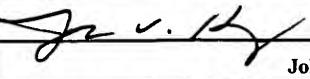
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